

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on February 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 191, 2/8/2017

Hearing Postponed: SB 181, 2/8/2017

Executive Action: SB 94, HB 112

00:00:55 Chairman Blasdel

00:00:55 Chairman Blasdel postponed the hearing on HB 181.

HEARING ON SB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 Sen. Lea Whitford (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 191, Revise wine tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:18 Ali Bovingdon, Governor's Office
 00:07:48 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students
 00:08:57 Heather O'Loughin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
 00:10:07 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:48 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association
[EXHIBIT\(tas30a01\)](#)

00:14:31 Kathy Williamson, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)
[EXHIBIT\(tas30a02\)](#)

00:17:55 Jill Roberts, Hawthorn Bottle Shop and Tasting Room
 00:21:54 Sisi Carroll, managing director, Weingut Richard Boecking
 00:23:38 Laura Fix, owner, Island Liquor and Wine
[EXHIBIT\(tas30a03\)](#)

00:25:40 Clint Peck, owner, Yellowstone Cellars and Winery
 00:31:55 Kenny Roesch, self
 00:33:31 Mona Jamison, Wine Institute
 00:39:18 Paul Carwright, self
 00:40:59 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:39 Sen. Barrett
 00:43:12 Ms. Williamson, MBWDA
 00:43:40 Sen. Barrett
 00:44:01 Ms. Williamson
 00:44:11 Sen. Barrett
 00:44:28 Ms. Williamson
 00:45:13 Sen. Barrett
 00:45:46 Ms. Williamson

00:46:00 Sen. Cohenour
 00:46:22 Ms. Bovingdon, Governor's Office
 00:47:53 Sen. Cohenour
 00:48:02 Ms. Bovingdon
 00:48:14 Shauna Helfert, Liquor Control, Department of Revenue
 00:49:11 Sen. Webb
 00:49:37 Ms. Bovingdon
 00:50:08 Sen. Webb
 00:50:34 Ms. Bovingdon
 00:51:07 Sen. Webb
 00:51:23 Ms. Bovingdon
 00:51:33 Sen. Webb
 00:52:13 Ms. Bovingdon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:35 Sen. Whitford
 00:56:46 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 94

00:59:23 Chairman Blasdel
 01:00:14 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 94 DO PASS.**
 01:00:25 Chairman Blasdel
 01:00:58 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 94 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas30a04\)](#)

Discussion:

01:02:07 Chairman Blasdel
 01:02:14 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:03:17 Jaret Coles, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
 01:04:05 Sen. Pomnichowski
 01:05:08 Sen. Barrett
 01:06:41 Sen. Tempel
 01:06:58 Mr. Coles, LSD
 01:09:19 Sen. Hoven
 01:12:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.
 01:12:20 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 94 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
 01:12:28 Sen. Malek

01:14:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

01:14:31 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

01:14:48 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 112 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:14:55 Chairman Blasdel

01:15:16 Sen. Malek

01:15:32 Steve Austin, Department of Revenue

01:18:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

01:18:40 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:19 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas30aad.pdf](#))